SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be applicable for all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1981.

SECTION -2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 789

(Senate Bill 165)

AN ACT concerning

Public Defender - Payment of Attorney's Fee

FOR the purpose of requiring the court to order the payment of an attorney's fee on behalf of the Public Defender under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27A - Public Defender Section 7(g) Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 27A - Public Defender

7.

(g) A court exercising criminal jurisdiction [may] SHALL order a defendant to reimburse the State for services rendered to the defendant by the Public Defender as a term or condition of any sentence, judgment, or [stay of judgment entered under § 641(a) or § 292 of Article 27 of the Code] PROBATION imposed by it [if] UNLESS the court AFFIRMATIVELY finds that the defendant [has] DOES NOT HAVE the ability to make such reimbursement AND WAIVES THE TERM OR CONDITION. The amount, time, and method of payment shall be established by the court. In all other cases of reimbursement for services rendered, collection shall be made in accordance with subsection (f).